

JOINT
PUBLIC NOTICE

CHARLESTON DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
69A Hagood Avenue
Charleston, South Carolina 29403-5107
and
THE S.C. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL
Office of Environmental Quality Control
Water Quality Certification and Wetlands Programs Section
2600 Bull Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

REGULATORY DIVISION

Refer to: P/N #2002-1W-428-C

15 AUGUST 2003

Pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403), Sections 401 and 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344), the South Carolina Coastal Zone Management Act (48-39-10 et seq.), and the S.C. Construction in Navigable Waters Permit Program (R. 19-450, et Seq., 1976 S.C. Code of Laws, as amended), an application has been submitted to the Department of the Army and the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control by the

WEDGEFIELD PLANTATION HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
c/o GENERAL ENGINEERING & ENVIRONMENTAL, LLC
ATTN.: MR. LEGARE SMITH
POST OFFICE BOX 30712
CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA 29417

for a permit to perform excavation in canals adjacent to and place fill material in wetlands adjacent to waters of the

BLACK RIVER

at a location within canals and wetlands in Wedgefield Plantation located to the northeast of the Town of Georgetown in Georgetown County, South Carolina (Latitude 33.43099°, Longitude 79.24806°)

In order to give all interested parties an opportunity to express their views

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is hereby given that written statements regarding the proposed work will be received by both of the above mentioned offices until

12 O'CLOCK NOON, MONDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER 2003

from those interested in the activity and whose interests may be affected by the proposed work.

The proposed work consists of hydraulically dredging 93,500 cubic yards of material from two entrance canals and portions of an adjacent canal system (an area measuring 17.1 acres) to depths of -6.0 MLW and -8.0 MLW as shown on sheets 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 of 15. The proposed work also includes placing the dredged material in 14.92 acres of jurisdictional wetlands. In the past, at least a portion of this area was used as a disposal basin, however, it has since reverted back to jurisdictional wetlands and is no longer functioning as a disposal basin. The applicant proposes to repair and increase the lengths and heights of what remains of the existing dikes to create a disposal basin with a capacity of 129,000 cubic yards.

The purpose of the project, according to the applicant, is to establish and maintain safe operating depths for vessels using the Wedgefield Plantation canals.

NOTE: Plans depicting the work described in this notice are available and will be provided, upon receipt of a written request, to anyone that is interested in obtaining a copy of the plans for the specific project. The request must identify the project of interest by public notice number and a self-addressed stamped envelope must also be provided for mailing the drawings to you. Your request for drawings should be addressed to the

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
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The District Engineer has concluded that the discharges associated with this project, both direct and indirect, should be reviewed by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control in accordance with provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. As such, this notice constitutes a request, on behalf of the applicant, for certification that this project will comply with applicable effluent limitations and water quality standards. The work shown on this application must also be certified as consistent with applicable provisions of the Coastal Zone Management Program (15 CFR 930). The District Engineer will not process this application to a conclusion until such certifications are received. This activity may also require evaluation for compliance with the S.C. Construction in Navigable Waters Permit Program. State review, permitting and certification is conducted by the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control. The applicant is hereby advised that supplemental information may be required by the State to facilitate the review. Persons wishing to comment or object to State certification or the navigable waters permit must submit all comments in writing to the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control at the above address within thirty (30) days of the date of this notice.

This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Implementation of the proposed project would impact 32.02 acres of freshwater habitat upstream of estuarine substrates and emergent wetlands utilized by various life stages of species comprising the red drum, shrimp, and snapper-grouper management complexes. Our initial determination is that the proposed action would not have a substantial individual or cumulative adverse impact on EFH or fisheries managed by the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). Our final determination relative to project impacts and the need for mitigation measures is subject to review by and coordination with the NMFS.

The District Engineer has consulted the most recently available information and has determined that the project is likely to adversely affect the shortnose sturgeon, *Acipenser brevirostrum*. This public notice serves as a request to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and/or the National Marine Fisheries Service to initiate informal consultation on this species that would be affected, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (as amended).

The District Engineer has consulted the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places for the presence or absence of registered properties, or properties listed as being eligible for inclusion therein, and this worksite is not included as a registered property or property listed as being eligible for inclusion in the Register. Consultation of the National Register constitutes the extent of cultural resource investigations by the District Engineer, and he is otherwise unaware of the presence of such resources. Presently unknown archaeological, scientific, prehistorical, or historical data may be lost or destroyed by the work to be accomplished under the requested permit.

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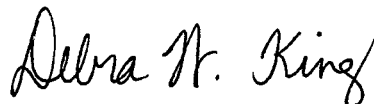
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Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for a public hearing shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

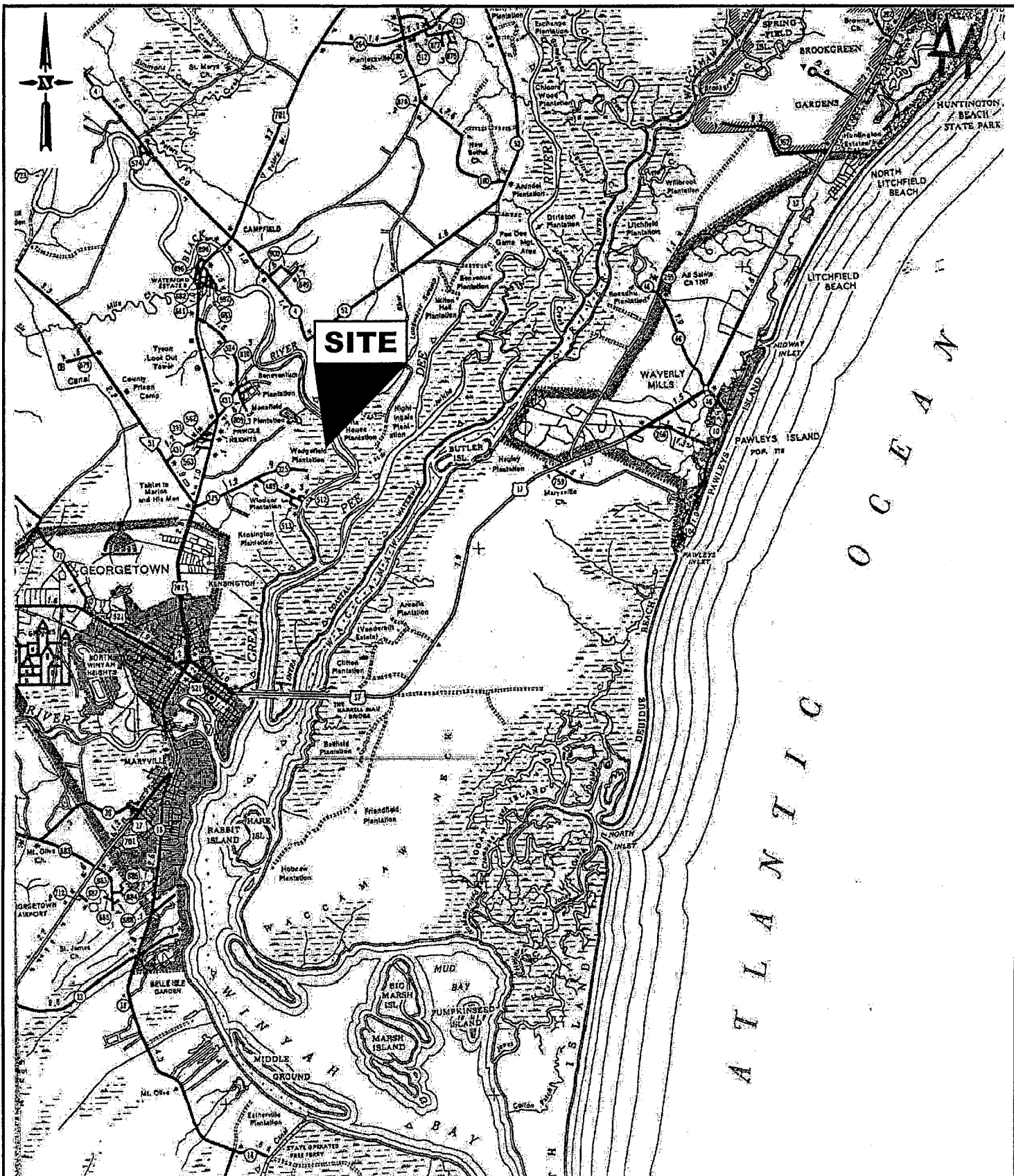
The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the activity on the public interest and will include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act and, as appropriate, the criteria established under authority of Section 102 of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972, as amended. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the project must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the project will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. A permit will be granted unless the District Engineer determines that it would be contrary to the public interest. In cases of conflicting property rights, the Corps of Engineers cannot undertake to adjudicate rival claims.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this project. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the activity.

If there are any questions concerning this public notice, please contact me at 843-329-8044 or toll free at 1-866-329-8187.



Debra W. King
Project Manager
Regulatory Division
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers



PURPOSE: MAINTENANCE DREDGING

ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS
SEE ATTACHED LIST

SURVEY DATUM: MLW

P/N: 2002-1W-428-C

FIGURE 1
OVERALL LOCATION MAP

NOT TO SCALE

WEDGFIELD PLANTATION
HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
50 LIVE OAK LANE
GEORGETOWN, SOUTH CAROLINA 29440

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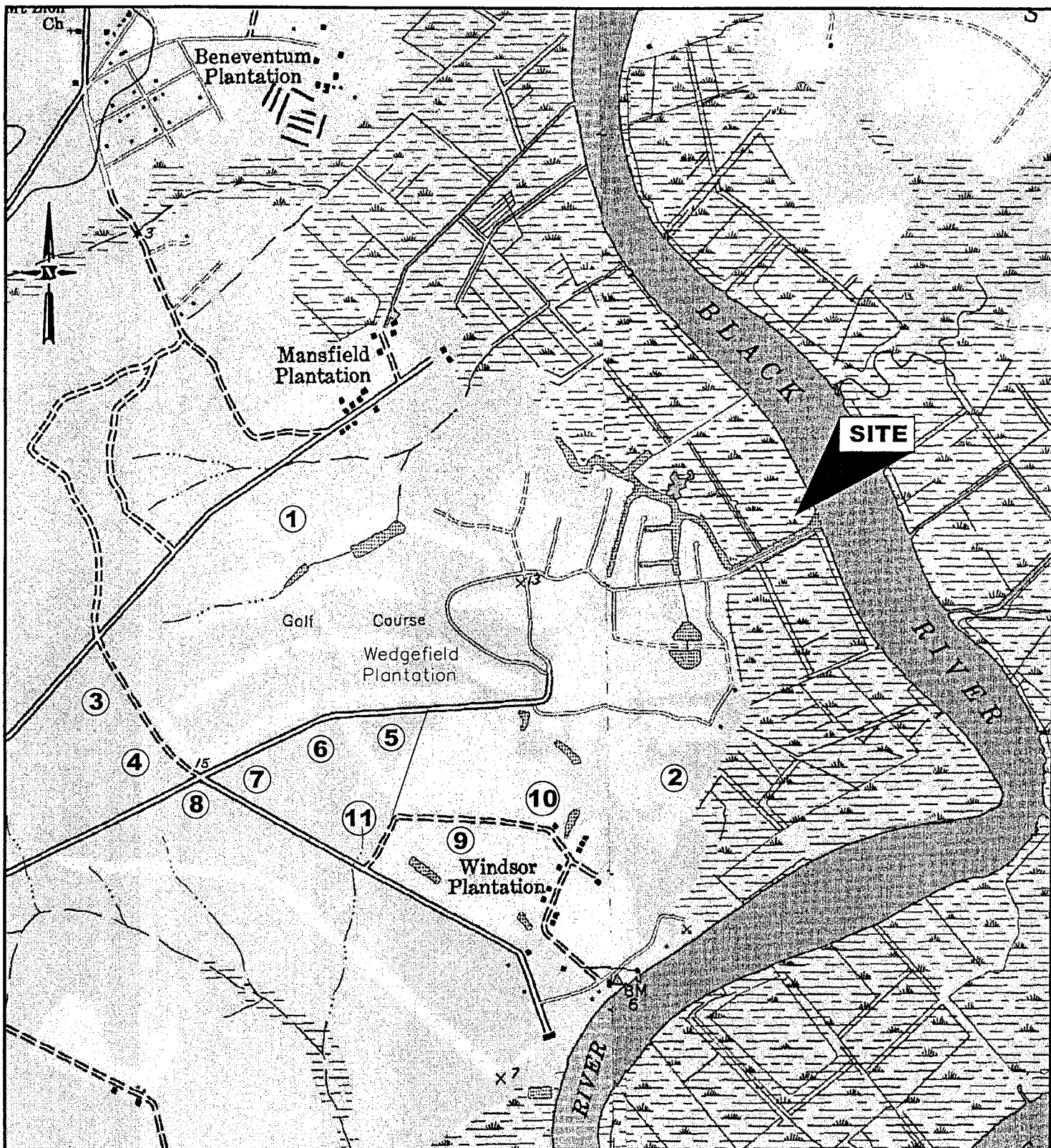
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IN: WEDGFIELD PLANTATION CANALS
ADJACENT TO THE BLACK RIVER

COUNTY OF: GEORGETOWN,
SOUTH CAROLINA

SHEET: 1 OF 15

DATE: 8/8/03



* NAMES OF ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS LISTED ON SHEET 2A

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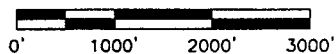
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FIGURE 2
SITE LOCATION MAP

SCALE: 1" = 2000'



WEDGEFIELD PLANTATION
HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
50 LIVE OAK LANE
GEORGETOWN, SOUTH CAROLINA 29440

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AT: WEDGEFIELD PLANTATION

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ADJACENT TO THE BLACK RIVER

COUNTY OF: GEORGETOWN,
SOUTH CAROLINA

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DATE: 8/8/03

Sheet 2A of 15

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| 1) Ms. Sarah J. Cahalan | 1776 Mansfield Road, Georgetown, SC 29440 |
| 2) Pig Pen LLC | PO BOX 937, Georgetown, SC 29442 |
| 3) Ms. Sarah J. Cahalan | 1776 Mansfield Road, Georgetown, SC 29440 |
| 4) Rane B. Atkinson | PO BOX 2217, Georgetown, SC 29442 |
| 5) Mr. Raymond Curtis Paschal | 2317 South Island Road, Georgetown, SC 29440 |
| 6) Mr. Earl William Holtzscheiter, Jr. | 50 Flat Trail Court, Aiken, SC 29803 |
| 7) Mr. Earl William Holtzscheiter | 1208 Carvers Bay Road, Georgetown, SC 29440 |
| 8) Mr. & Mrs. Mark Pender | 34 Windsor Drive, Georgetown, SC 29440 |
| 9) Robinson Family LTD | 769 Windsor Avenue, Georgetown, SC 29440 |
| 10) Mr. & Mrs. John Killham | 409 Windsor Road, Georgetown, SC 29440 |
| 11) Mr. Kent Patrick Vannier | 616 Willobank Road, Georgetown, SC 29440 |

Names of Adjacent Property Owners shown on
Sheet 2

Wedgefield Plantation Homeowners Association

Date: 8/8/03

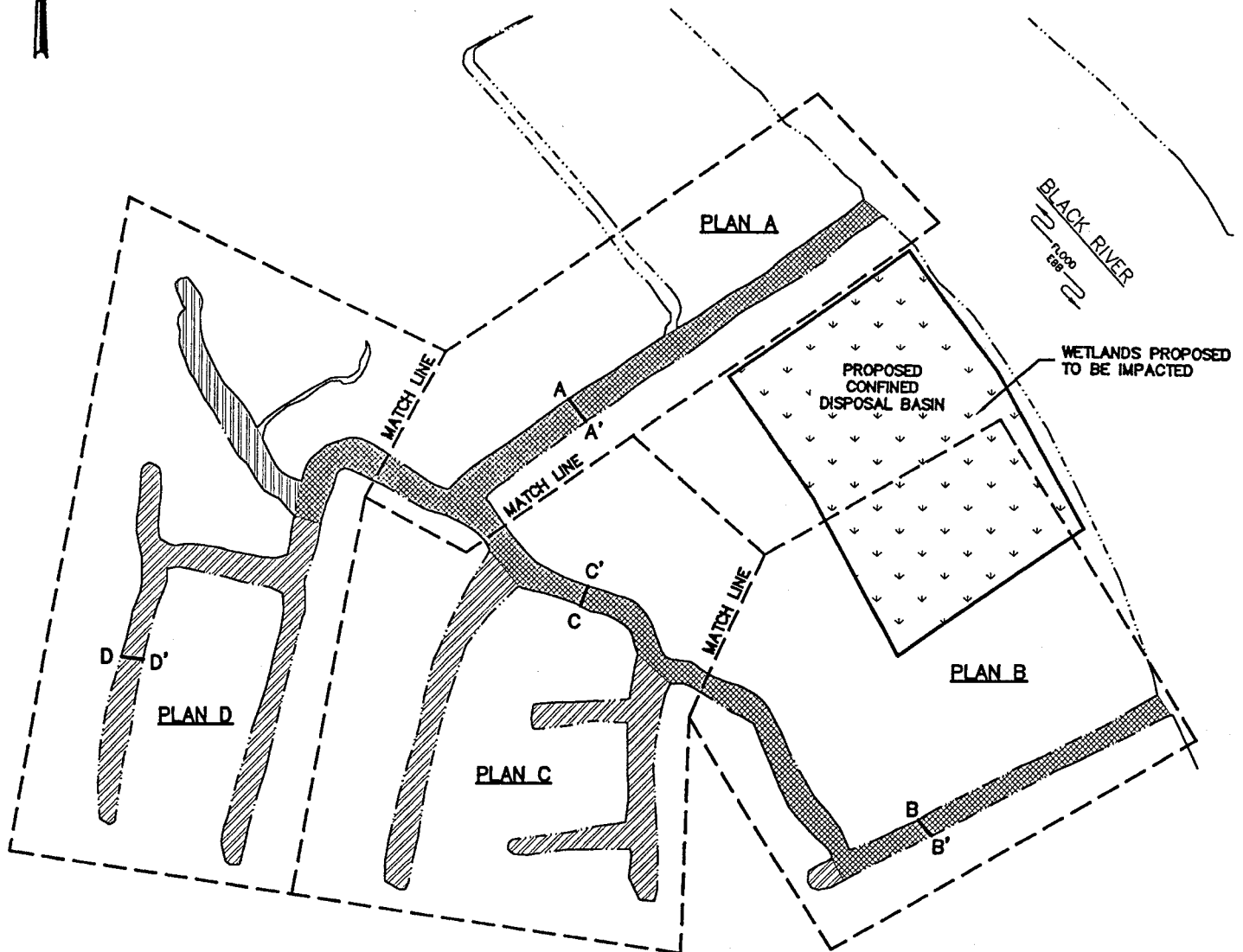
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AT: Wedgefield Plantation

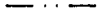
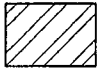


IN: Wedgefield Plantation Canals Adjacent to the
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Georgetown County

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LEGEND:

-  APPROXIMATE EDGE OF MARSH GRASS
-  AREA TO BE DREDGED TO -6.0 MLW
-  AREA TO BE DREDGED TO -8.0 MLW
-  WETLANDS TO BE IMPACTED


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FIGURE 3
OVERALL DREDGE AREA SITE PLAN

SCALE: 1" = 500'


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HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
50 LIVE OAK LANE
GEORGETOWN, SOUTH CAROLINA 29440

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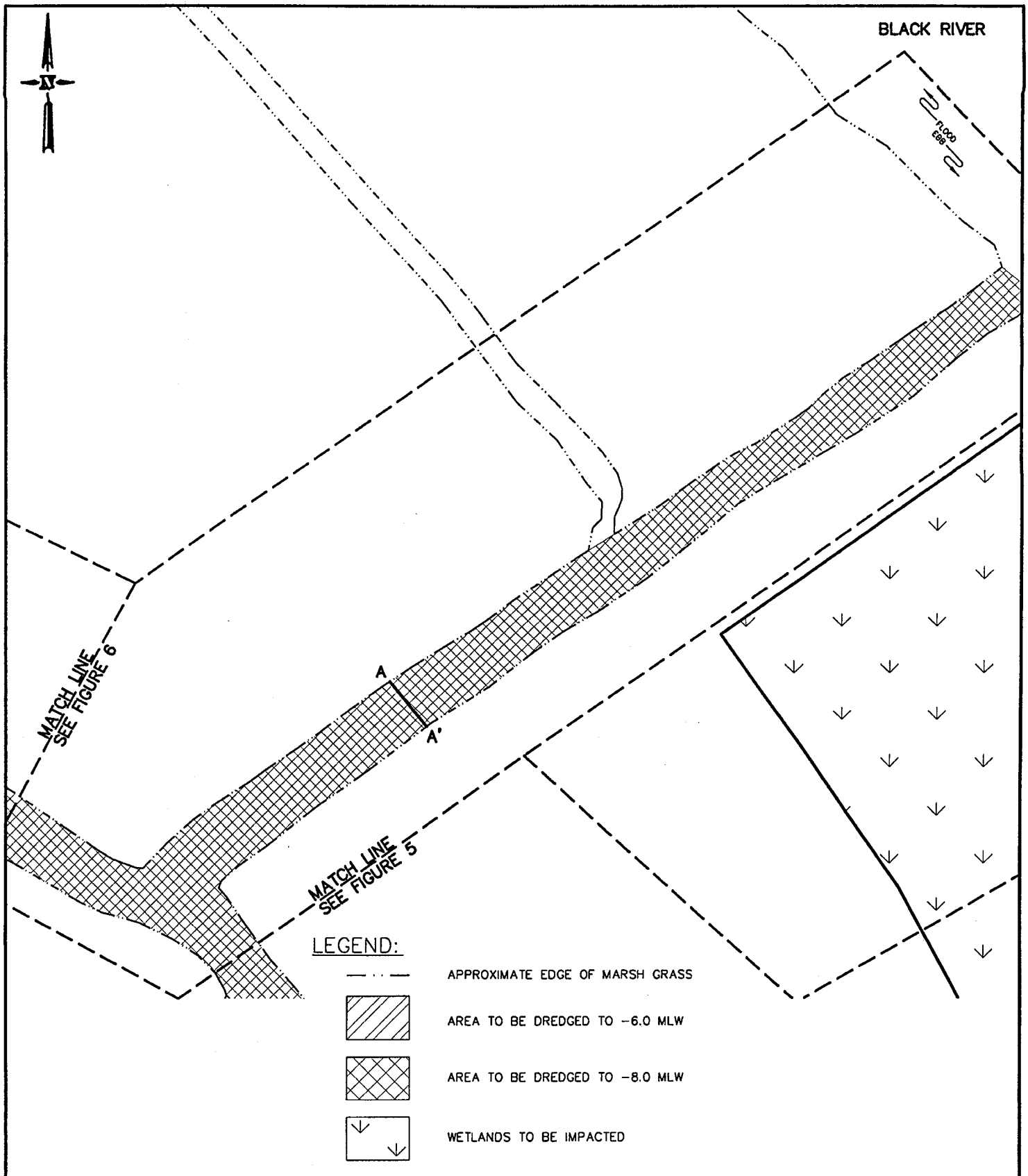
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ADJACENT TO THE BLACK RIVER

COUNTY OF: GEORGETOWN,
SOUTH CAROLINA

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FIGURE 4
DREDGE AREA - PLAN A

SCALE: 1" = 200'



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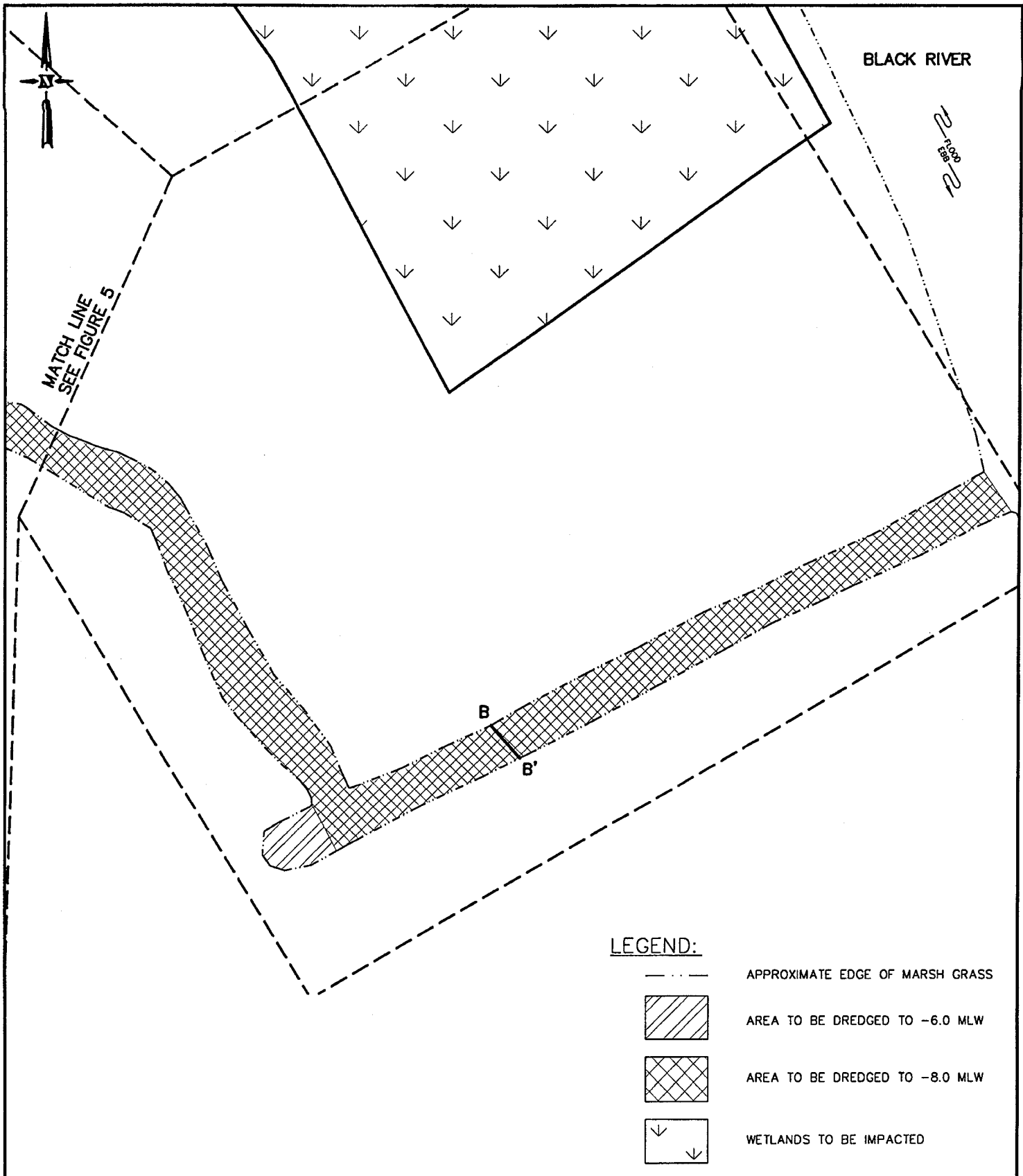
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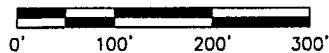
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**FIGURE 5
DREDGE AREA - PLAN B**

SCALE: 1" = 200'



WEDGEFIELD PLANTATION
HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
50 LIVE OAK LANE
GEORGETOWN, SOUTH CAROLINA 29440

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AT: WEDGEFIELD PLANTATION

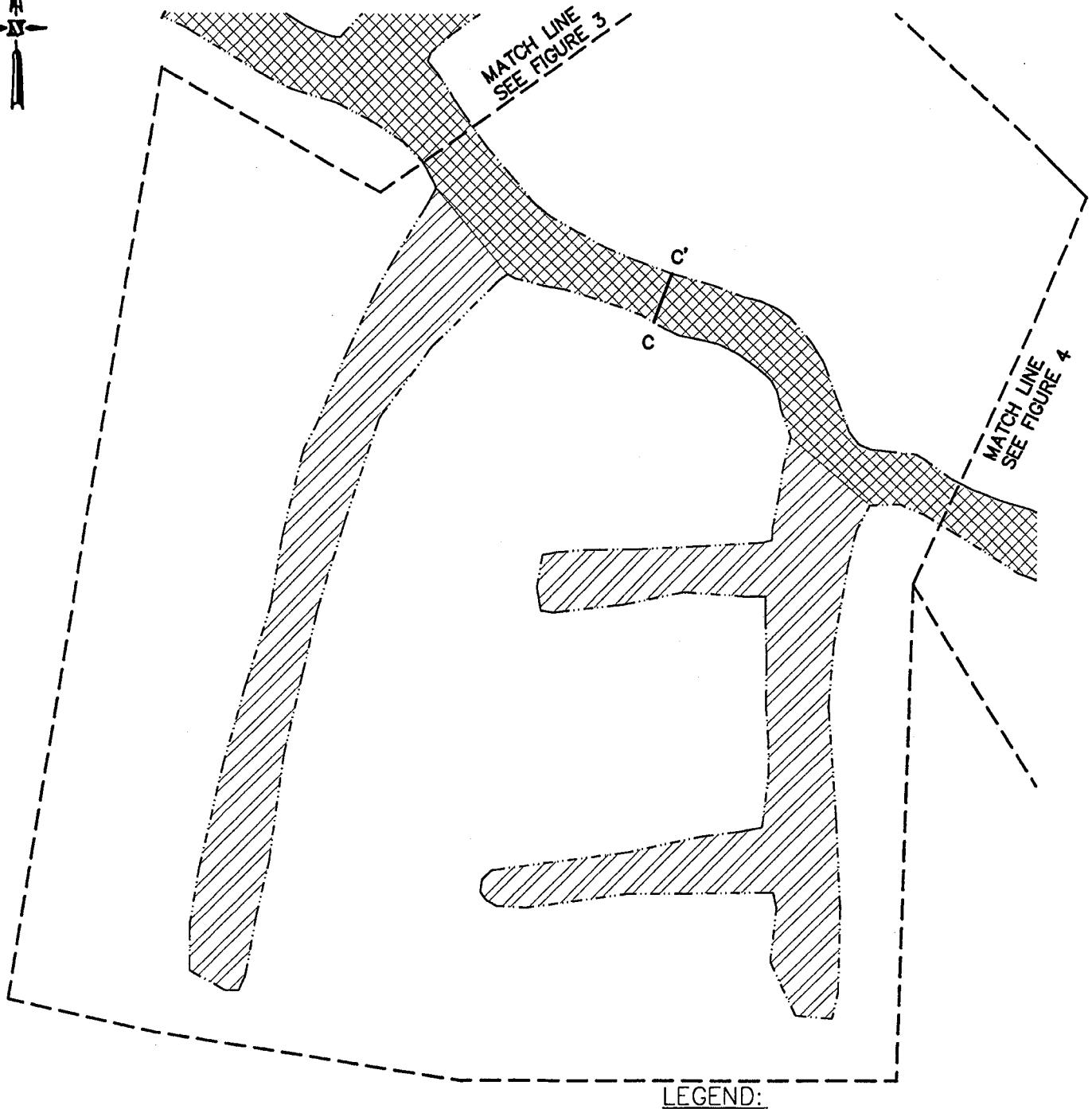
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SOUTH CAROLINA



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LEGEND:

- APPROXIMATE EDGE OF MARSH GRASS
-  AREA TO BE DREDGED TO -6.0 MLW
-  AREA TO BE DREDGED TO -8.0 MLW

PURPOSE: MAINTENANCE DREDGING

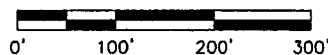
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**FIGURE 6
DREDGE AREA - PLAN C**

SCALE: 1" = 200'



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HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
50 LIVE OAK LANE
GEORGETOWN, SOUTH CAROLINA 29440

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AT: WEDGEFIELD PLANTATION

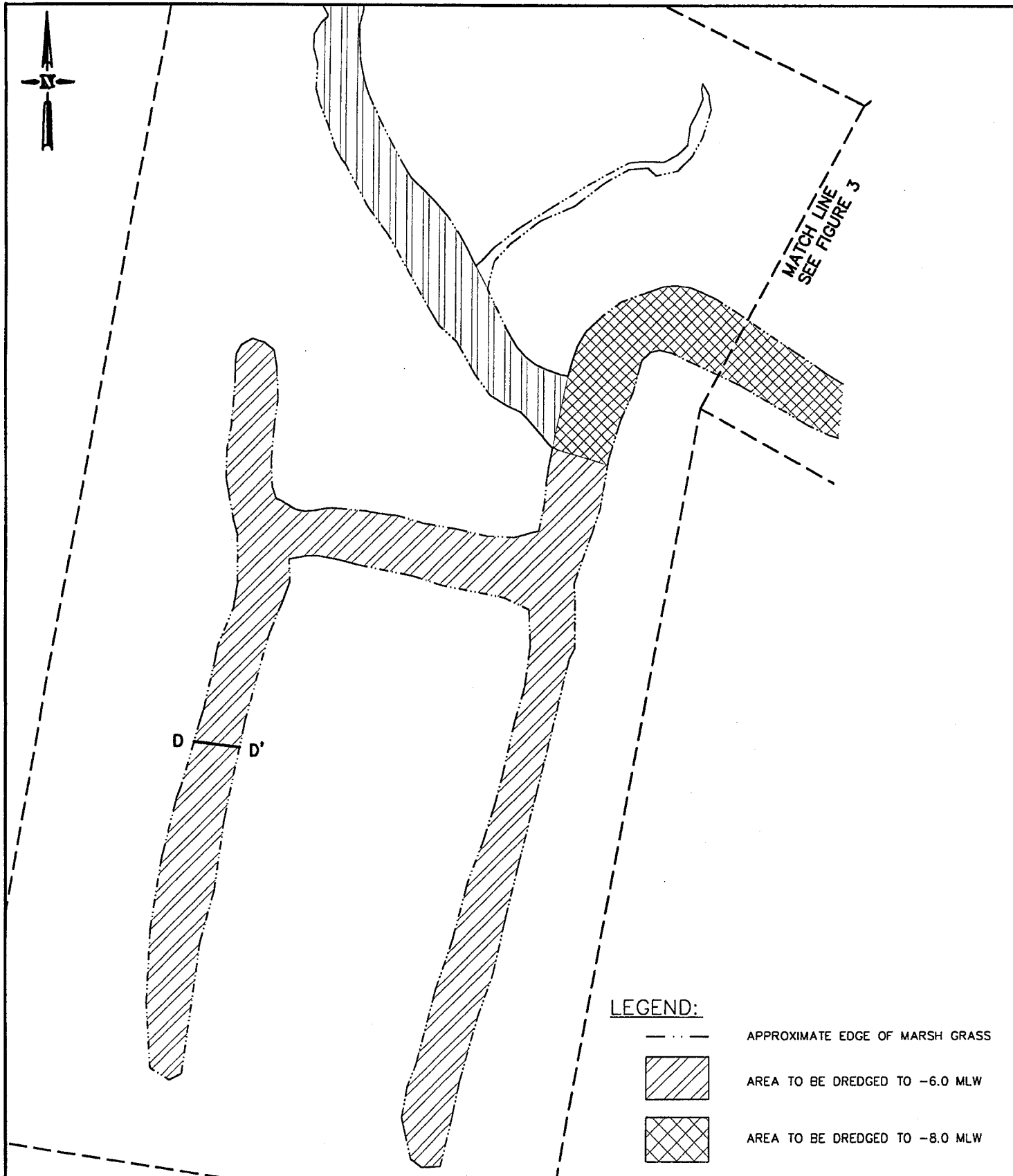
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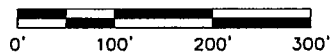
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FIGURE 7
DREDGE AREA - PLAN D

SCALE: 1" = 200'



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HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
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GEORGETOWN, SOUTH CAROLINA 29440

PROPOSED: MAINTENANCE DREDGING

AT: WEDGFIELD PLANTATION

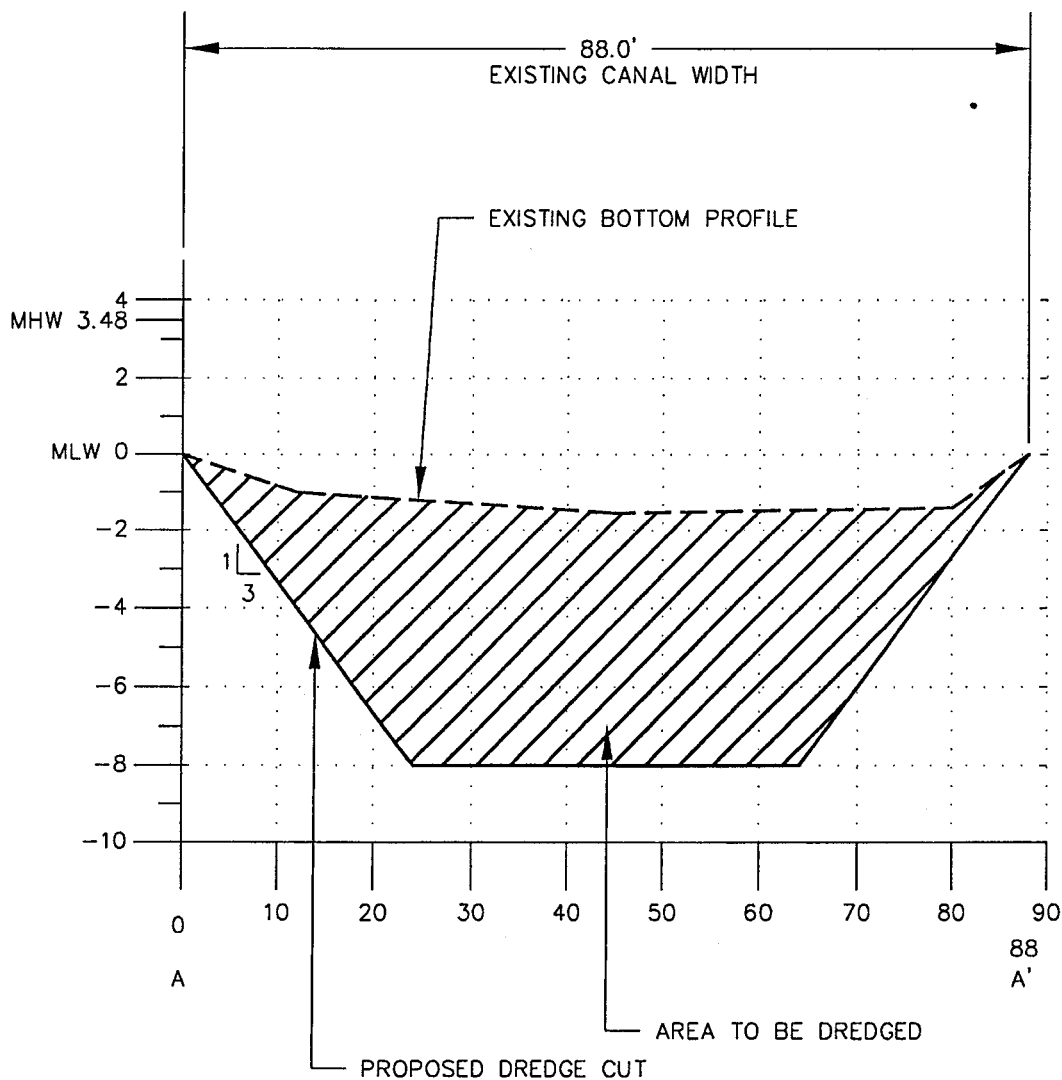
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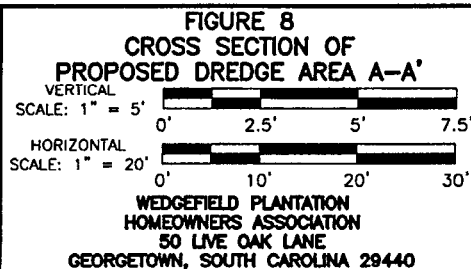
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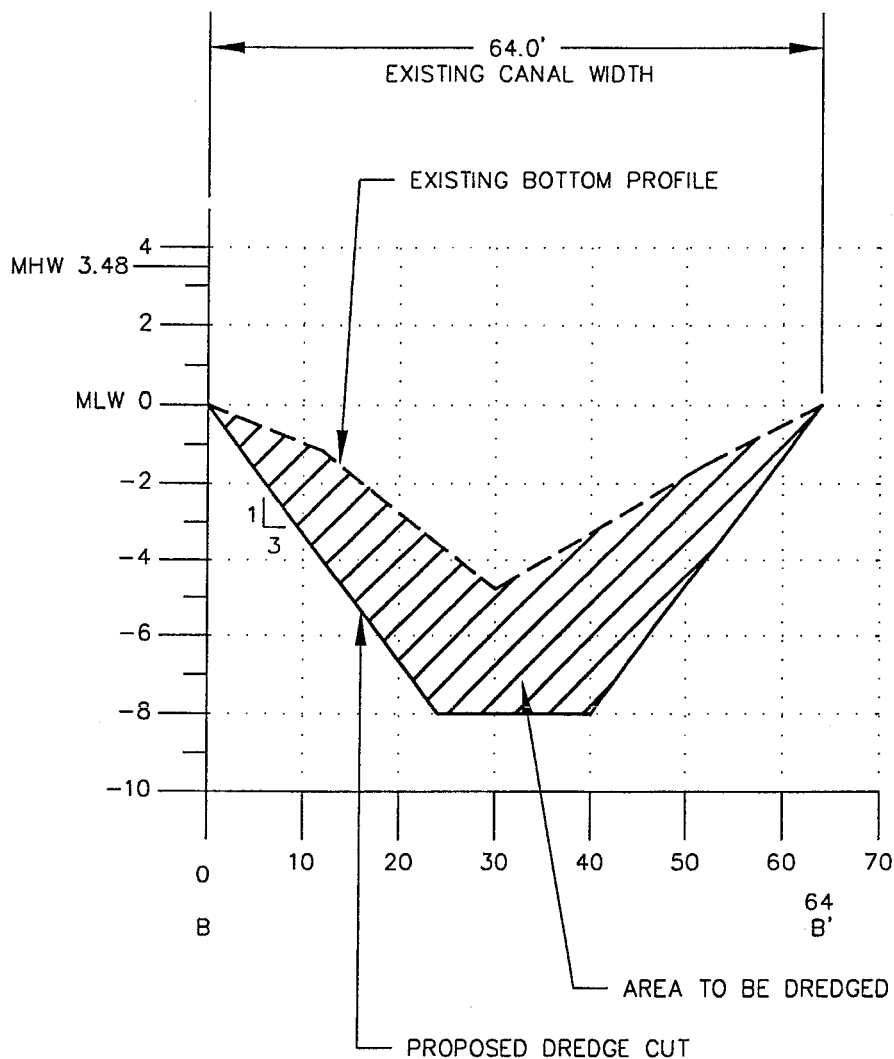
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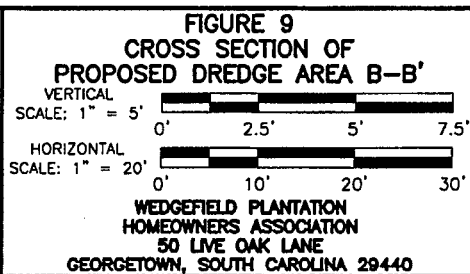
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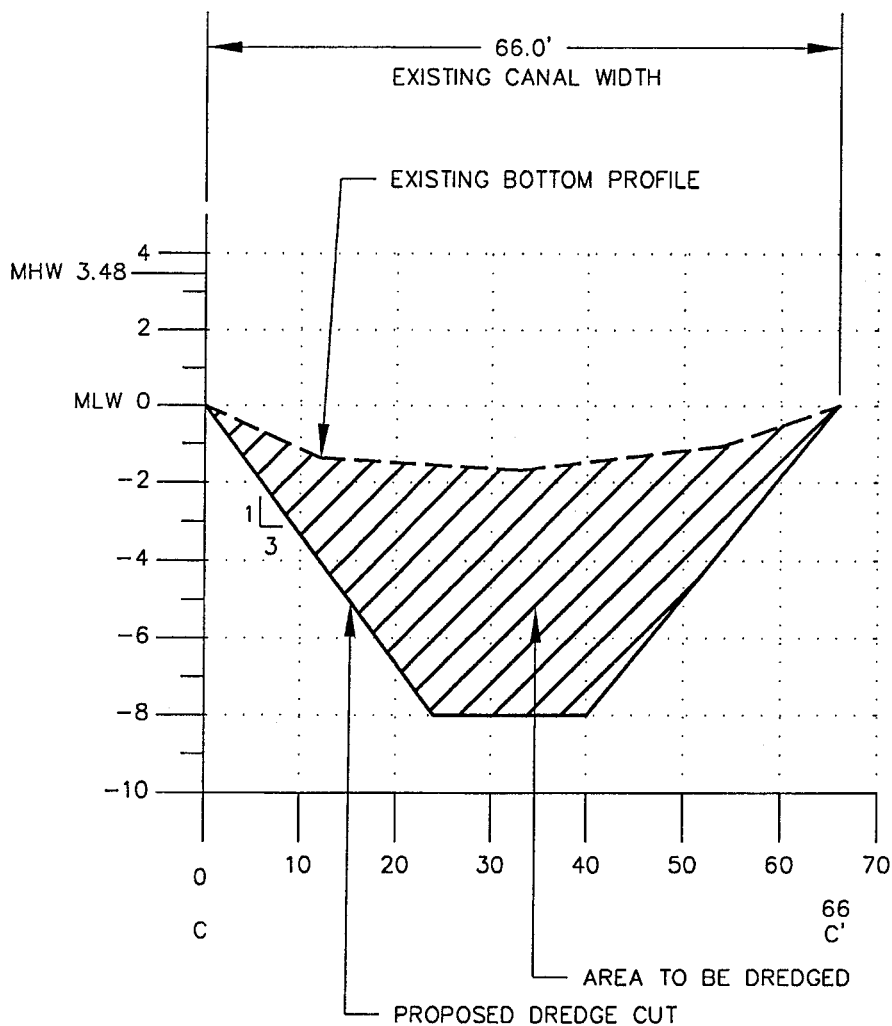
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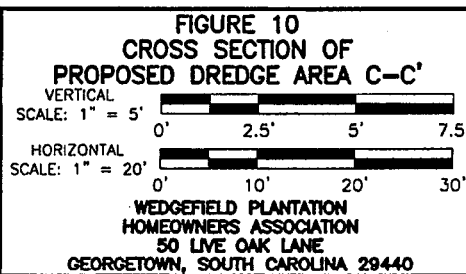
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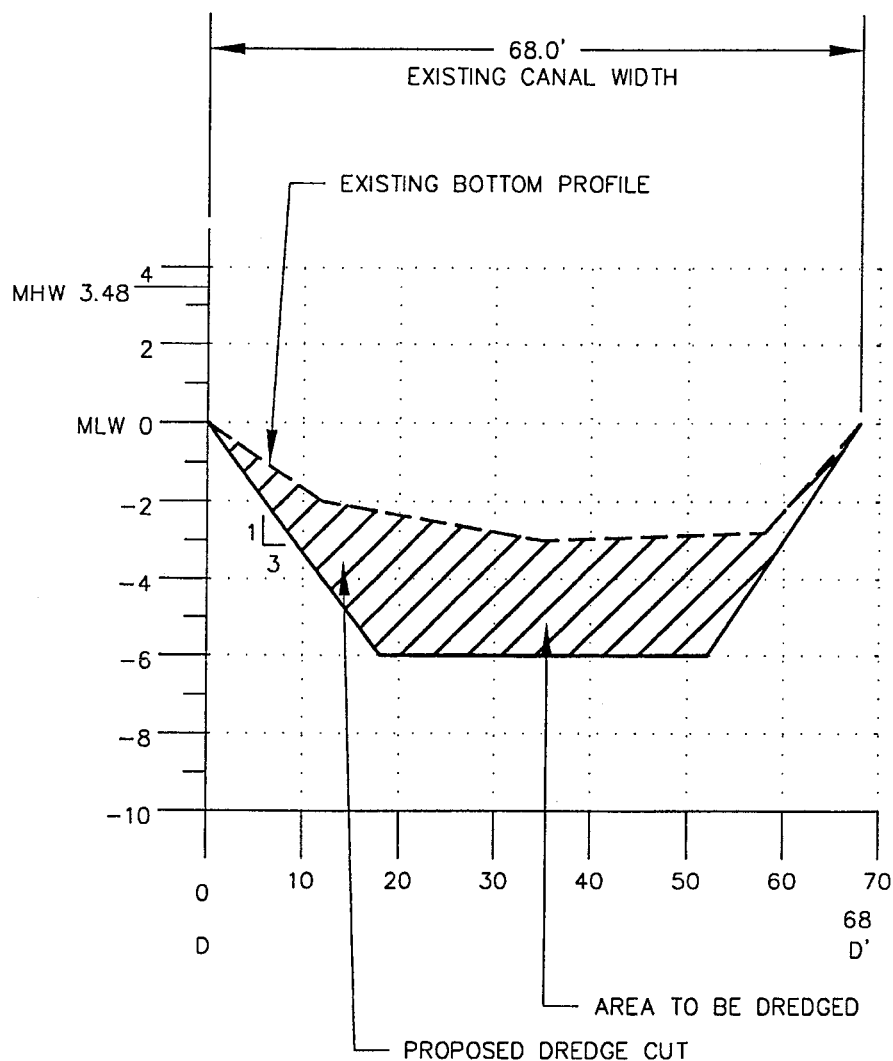
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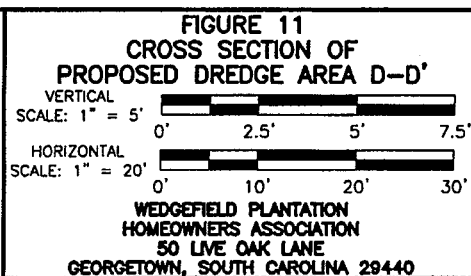
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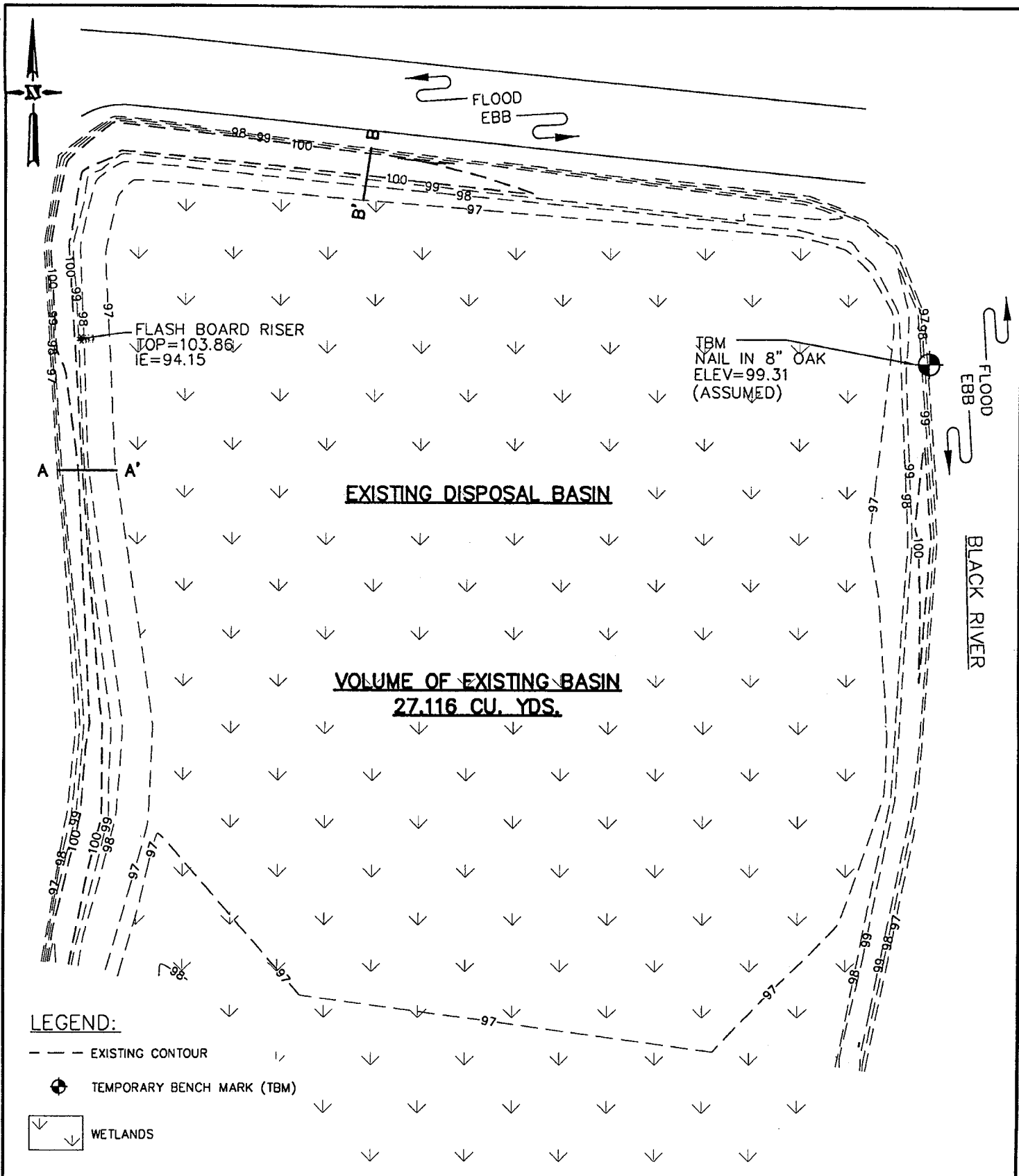
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LEGEND:

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TEMPORARY BENCH MARK (TBM)



WETLANDS

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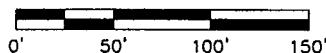
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**FIGURE 12
EXISTING CONFINED DISPOSAL
BASIN**

SCALE: 1" = 100'



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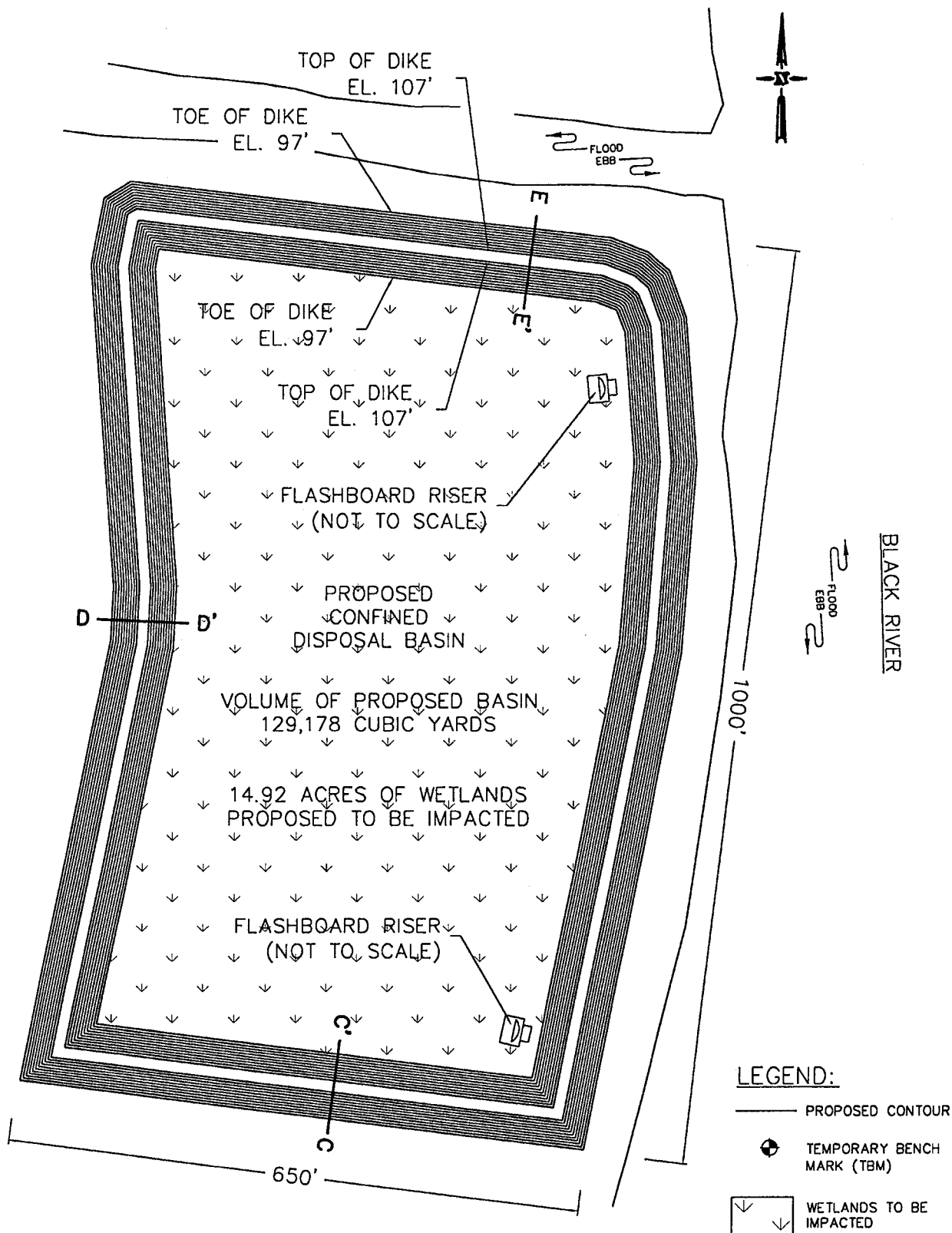
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SOUTH CAROLINA

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FIGURE 13
PLAN VIEW
OF PROPOSED DISPOSAL BASIN

SCALE: 1" = 170'



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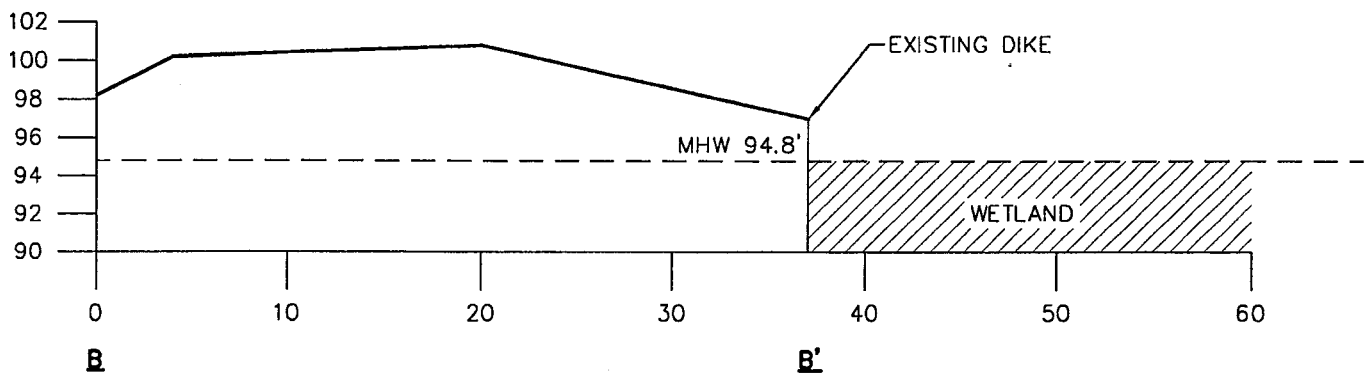
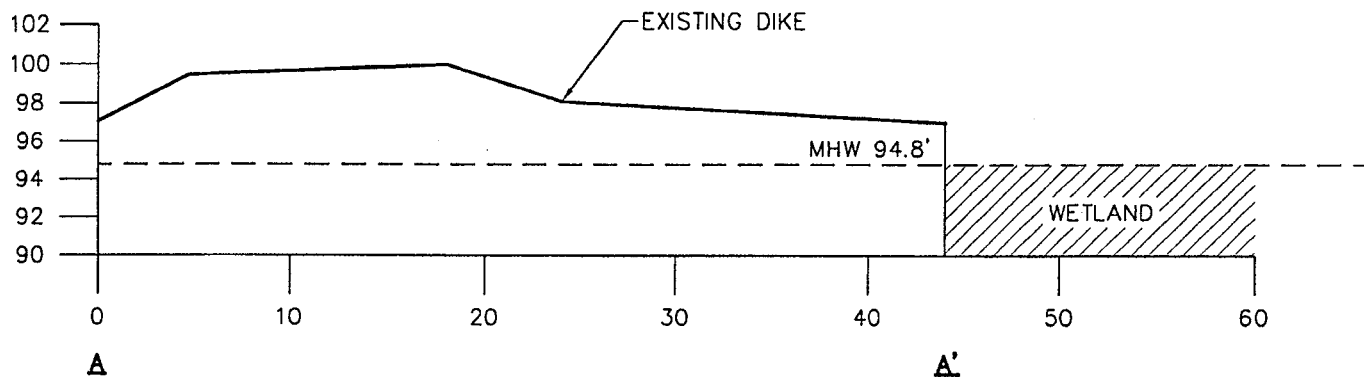
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FIGURE 14
CROSS SECTIONS OF EXISTING
DISPOSAL BASIN DIKES

SCALE: 1" = 170'



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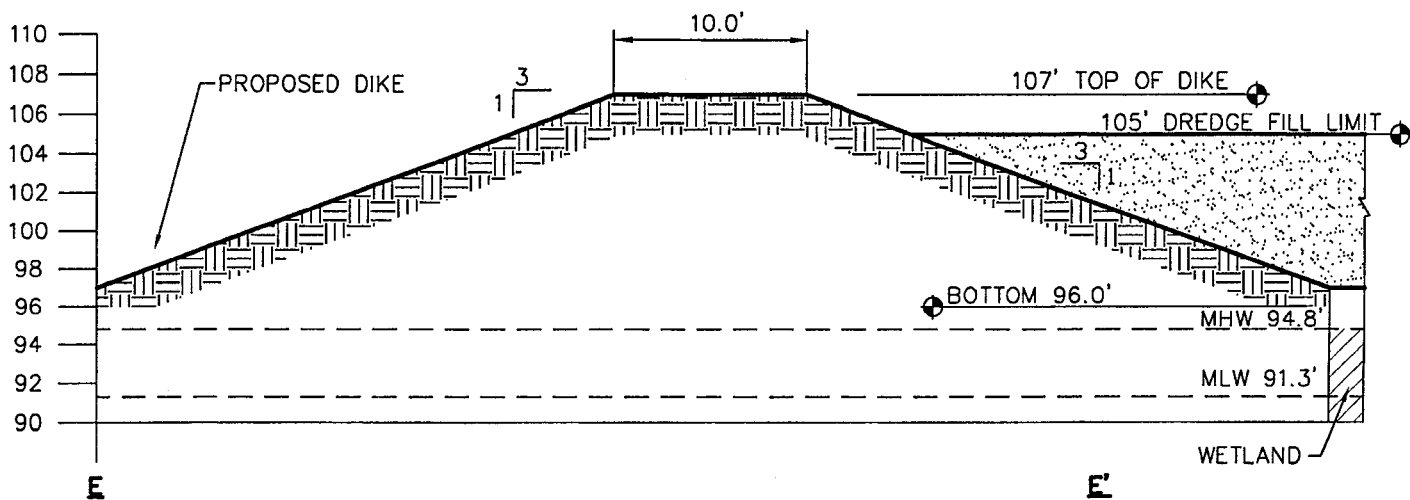
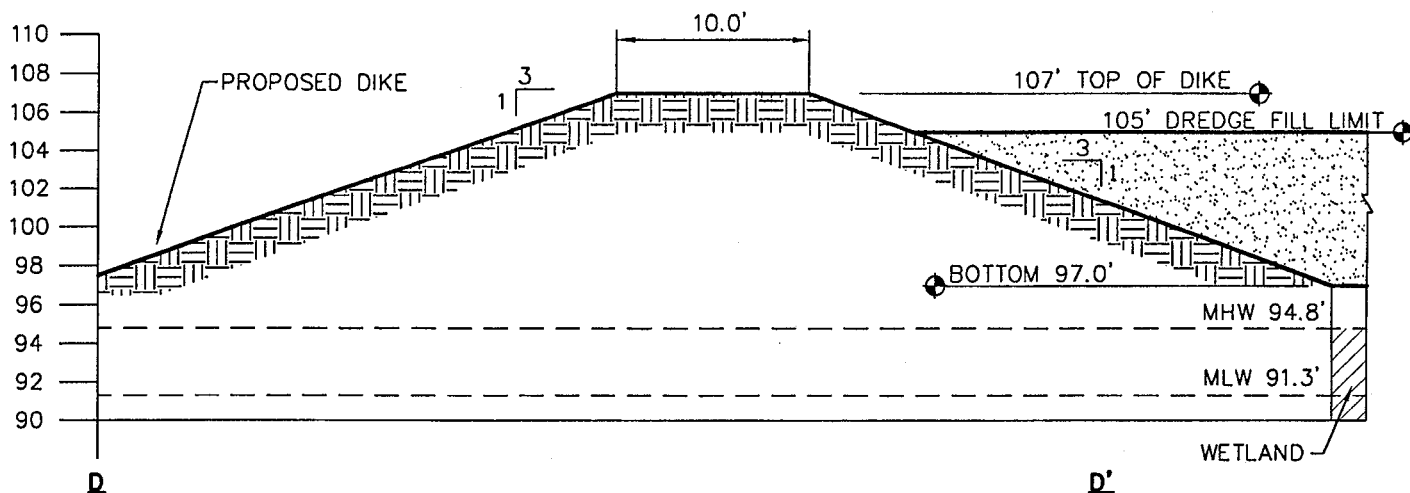
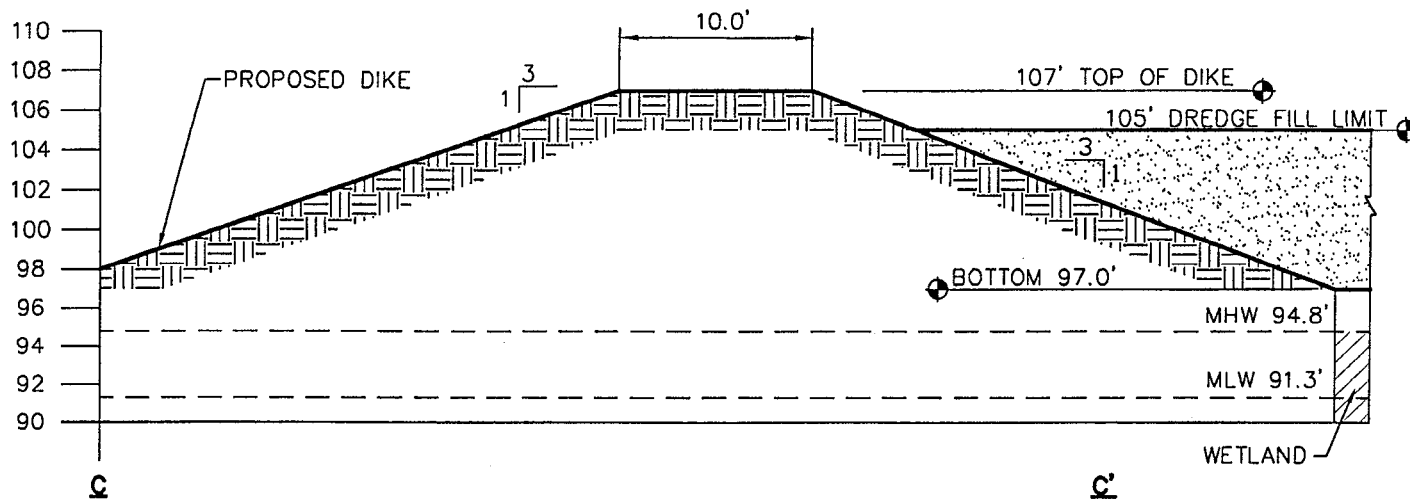
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FIGURE 15
CROSS SECTIONS OF PROPOSED
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SCALE: 1" = 170'



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ADJACENT TO THE BLACK RIVER

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